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All Officers of BTC Reelected Without Opposition

REPORT To Our Readers - Owners

BUSINESS AGENTS

When the present writer was covering the labor beat for a daily newspaper, he would come back to the office late Friday evening from the San Francisco Labor Council meeting. Many times he would be greeted by one of the editors with this question:

"Well, what happened at the weekly convention of business agents?"

The daily editor's implication was that in the AFL the unions are run by their business agents or other officials, and that the average member doesn't have much to do with it all.

The daily editor in question was greatly interested in labor unions. He believed in them earnestly. He held to a high ideal for them—every member in his opinion should be alert, deeply imbued with trade philosophy, almost religion, and aware in detail of the business of the union. Needless to say, his attitude didn't get expressed in the paper of which he was one of the editors. But his interest in unions, his knowledge of them, and the ideal he had for them was a great source of happiness to the man who covered the labor beat.

OTHER AGENTS

Fact is, of course, that appointed or elected agents carry on the activities of most institutions. Farmers form a buying or selling co-op, appoint an agent who runs the show. Then there's the farm advisor, or county agent, as he's called in most States, who is appointed by the State college of agriculture, and serves all the farmers of the county. And in a church, even though most of the congregation sincerely believe in the work of that church, you may be sure that most of that work is done by the pastor or by him with assistance of other appointed and hired officials.

So probably there's no good reason for either people inside or outside the labor movement being surprised or pained that so much of a union's activities are carried on by paid officials.

SUCCESS TRAITS

Most union business agents, or agents of a farmers' group, or even a church group, would recognize in a description of the traits of the new president of Italy some of the qualities that make the agent successful:

"Signor Gronchi is prudent and patient, willing to sacrifice the caustic reply or the elegant phrase for the success of a plan. He has been compared to a race-horse: you will perhaps see him progressing listlessly, tired, as though he had given up the struggle to win. But, a few yards from the finish, he lets loose and wins by a length. And what is most remarkable is that he succeeds without any foam in his mouth."

But probably there's a little foam occasionally!

Merger Here Could Be Made Speedily

The day in December that the AFL and CIO merge on the national level, there's nothing to prevent the AFL and CIO merging on the central council level here.

That was the impression gained by Robert S. Ash, secretary of the AFL Central Labor Council, on his recent trip East to attend the Clerks' international convention and to put in a week of his annual vacation. The AFL sentiment, evidently shared by the CIO, seemed to be that the two groups could merge the very next day in Alameda county, if they were prepared to do so.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

JOINT CARPENTERS PICNIC
STEAMFITTERS 342
MILLMEN 550
AUTO MACHINISTS 1546
PAINTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL 16
BERKELEY-PAINTERS 40
HAYWARD-PAINTERS 1178
PLASTERERS 112

Situation on Culinary Front:

Hayward Culinary Union Gains Pact For South County

Roy Woods, Hayward, Bartenders & Culinary Workers reported to the Central Labor Council this week that the union has achieved a very satisfactory contract for the southern end of Alameda county.

Woods said that the last few days had been pretty hectic, with 14 and 17 hour sessions, and with picket signs brought along in the car when the union delegation drove to the last conference with W. J. DeKhouse representing the restaurant owners and tavern keepers.

The contract, effective July 7, is for 5 years, with annual increases for wages, and a reopening for both wages and fringe benefits in 1958.

Bartenders under the new agreement will receive 90 cents more a day, bringing ton now to \$15.65 a day; but in addition they receive whichever they prefer, an additional dollar a day or a meal. A considerable number are expected to take the cash dollar instead of the meal.

Cooks will get an additional dollar a day, 75 cents immediately and 25 cents January 1; ton wages for cooks in Class A places will be \$17.65 a day, and in Class B places \$13.75.

Waitresses will receive 50 cents more per day, bringing their pay to \$6.65; on January 1 they will work only 7 1/2 hours within 8, instead of the 8 within 8 1/2 now worked. It was this provision which caused much of the last minute intensive bargaining.

All those under the contract will have two paid holidays, Labor Day and Christmas. Formerly they had simply 6 holidays, but not paid unless worked.

Roy Woods is secretary-treasurer of the union, and Floyd Attaway is business representative.

GAW Won by Sugar Stoppage, Corckett

The C & H Sugar Refining Corporation plant at Crockett was getting into full production this week following the settlement achieved last week which ended the strike of AFL Sugar Workers launched June 4.

The settlement includes provision for a guaranteed annual wage.

Other points of the agreement are: a detailed pension plan study by a joint committee; a five cents an hour wage increase beginning Sept. 1; an eighth paid holiday; \$1,000 instead of \$500 company paid life insurance for retiring employees; and other minor items.

The guaranteed pay plan provides that the company, in event of a shutdown, will add to state unemployment insurance to equal 65 percent of regular take home pay for employees with more than one year's service. It is one of the first such plans negotiated outside the auto industry.

The supplemental pay would commence on the third week of the shutdown and would be payable through the 27th week of a shutdown.

The company and union have agreed to support legislation changing the California Unemployment Insurance law. The law presently disqualifies employees from unemployment insurance if they receive supplemental pay.

Federal Conciliator George Hillenbrand helped negotiate the settlement.

New Offset Union In Labor Council

Offset Reproduction Artisans Local Union 473, which recently received a charter from the Printing Pressmen & Assistants' International Union, is now affiliated with the Central Labor Council.

Elmer Thorpe, president of the new local union, was obligated as a delegate to the CLC this week by CLC President John F. Quinn.

Fred Brooks is secretary-treasurer. Brooks is secretary-treasurer of Printing Pressmen 125 and of Ink & Roller Makers 5.

Northern County Culinary Unions Weighing Proposal

Three unions affiliated with the Culinary Workers Joint Board in Oakland and of the northern end of Alameda county were in the process this week of completing the adjustment of their pay under the terms of the 5-year contract entered into last year.

The contract provides for annual reopening for wages.

Cooks 228, of which H. J. (Hub) Badger, is secretary-treasurer, is considering the 50 cents per day increase tentatively agreed upon in the negotiations of the Joint Board with the United Tavern Owners Association and the East Bay Restaurant Owners Association. President Jack Faber said this would bring the basic scale for cooks in Class A places to \$17.65 per day; for those in Class B places to \$14.65.

Bartenders 52 held two meetings Thursday to pass on the proposed 50 cents per day increase which would bring the pay to \$15.65 per day, said Steve Revlak, secretary-treasurer of the union.

Culinary Alliance 31 held two meetings Wednesday to pass on the proposed increase of 25 cents per day now and 15 cents January 1. This would bring the bulk of the waitresses, who work in Class B restaurants, to \$7.65 per day, with varying scales for waitresses in Class A restaurants, and for bus boys, dishwashers, etc.

Bea Slettum is secretary-treasurer of Culinary Alliance 31.

The negotiations have been prolonged, with uncertainty for some time as to whether it would be necessary to call a strike.

The president of the Joint Board is James Murphy, Bartenders 52; the vice president is Miss Slettum, and the secretary is Badger.

Congressman Tells Tom Anderson He's Asking Rail Probe

Tom Anderson, secretary-treasurer, Dining Car Cooks & Waiters 456, has received a statement by Congressman Adam Clayton Powell of New York on the urgent need for a full-scale Congressional investigation of the railroad companies, with a view to amending the Railway Labor Act in order to insure that we have suitable legislation on the statute books to limit employee work-laws.

Congressman Powell has been surveying conditions in the industry at the request of Richard W. Smith, international vice president of Hotel & Restaurant Employees & Bartenders International Union. Smith is secretary-treasurer of the Joint Council of Dining Car Employees, the railroad division of the international union.

Smith cited to the Congressman an example "wherein a sole employee in a dining lunch-car of 32 seats, is not only expected to serve the passengers but also to prepare hot meals." Powell says that "I am advised that similar conditions obtain in dining car departments on many major railroad lines."

"I am equally disturbed," adds Powell, "by the unequivocal fact that although the various Fair Employment Practice (FEPC) laws have struggled valiantly with the problem of discrimination against Negro employees, additional legislation is necessary to insure that jobs in all departments and divisions of the railroads are open to colored employees. The policies of most railroad companies are such that jobs outside the departments traditionally filled by Negroes, are closed to Negroes with as much as twenty and thirty years of tenure on the same line."

"With the increased work-laws and severe curtailment of dining car crews, unless other branches of the railroad industry are opened to colored employees, the displaced dining car workers, despite their long years of faithful service, will find themselves unemployed."

HOUSE LEADERS put off a final vote on minimum wage legislation to \$1 an hour.

Diamond Renquist Made Secretary of Packing House Local No. 629

Mrs. Diamond Renquist has been appointed secretary-treasurer of Packing House Employees 629, which has its offices in the Pacific building, by the executive board.

Mrs. Renquist succeeds George Nelson, who passed away suddenly some weeks ago. He was attending an arbitration session in Modesto, when feeling indisposed he left the room. He told friends outside the room that he was not feeling well, and they had him lie down. Within a few moments it was obvious that he was very ill, and on arrival at the hospital where he was taken he was pronounced dead.

Mrs. Renquist was vice president of the union and had been assistant to Nelson for several years. Nelson had been secretary-treasurer since 1946.

Kahn's Will Build Big Branch Store In Concord Center

Negotiations were completed this week for construction of a huge Kahn's branch store in the new Concord Shopping Center now being built by the Concord Investments Corporation.

The announcement was made by John J. Reilly, President of Western Department Stores, which also operates Kahn's in Oakland, Rhodes in Tacoma, Washington, Olds & King in Portland, Oregon, and Rhodes in Sacramento.

"The tremendous growth of Concord and its surrounding communities in the past few years certainly indicates the need of a major department store," said Reilly. "After making thorough surveys of the eastern portion of Contra Costa County, we definitely felt that Concord was an ideal and logical location for us to expand our business."

This shopping center, which is located near the Willow Pass Road, and is bounded by Sutter, Harrison, Broadway, and Salvo Streets, is the first specialized shopping center ever built in Concord. The new Kahn's store will have approximately one hundred thousand square feet of shopping area, and will be the largest single unit in the center.

Plans for the new building call for one of contemporary design with such modern features as covered sidewalks to protect shoppers from the weather; and clear glass vistas and display areas to allow a maximum of daylight into the store. There will be two levels... a street floor level and an upper level devoted to selling.

"Many of the major stores throughout the country are embarking on a similar plan of expansion," said Reilly, "and in keeping with this nation-wide trend, Western Department Stores is proud to announce this first branch of Kahn's."

Only recently the firm, which has headquarters in Oakland, announced a branch store which is now being constructed for Olds & King, its store in Portland, Oregon. Details of the deal were handled for the Concord Investment Corporation by Theodore Rhodes. Those representing Kahn's and the Western Department Stores, in the transaction were John J. Reilly, John J. Reilly, Jr., R. L. Childs, and Harold Boggs.

Typo Conference's Officers Elected

Officers for the coming year were elected by the California Conference of Typographical Unions at a meeting held at Rieky's near Palo Alto July 9. The following were elected: President—Duncan Ross; Vice President (reelected)—R. H. Harris; Secretary-Treasurer—Quentin Grimm.

Trustees—Kenneth Smith of San Mateo, Walter Moran of Sacramento, Joe Baird of San Francisco, Irv Hammel, Bakersfield.

W. H. Swenson of Sacramento was reelected to represent the conference on the Legislative Committee Board, which is composed of one representative from each of the four printing trades conferences.

CALIFORNIA STATE general fund revenues climbed to a record high of \$859,094,281 for the 1954-1955 fiscal year.

Hundreds Attend Machinist Unions' Open House Party

Open house was held at the new Machinists building, 701 13th street, Oakland, Friday, last week from 1 to 5 in the afternoon and from 7 to 10 in the evening.

Hundreds of friends of the union visited the beautiful new building. Food and refreshments were served.

The property was bought and the building put up by a group of IAM lodges, including District Lodge 115 and Lodges, 284, 1518, 1566, and 1330. There is available space for three tenants.

The total investment was approximately \$180,000. The offices are the ultimate in modernity, and ample parking space in the rear was provided for the many visitors.

William Mullin, advertising manager, of East Bay Labor Journal, was present at the open house, and reports as follows:

"Among the Machinist officials I had the pleasure of meeting were Mel Thompson, senior business representative of District Lodge 115, Walter Banks of Lodge 284, John Schlavenza of Lodge 1566, Mike Manfredo of Lodge 1518, and Charles Dotson of Lodge 1176."

"There were many representatives of business concerns present also, including F. A. Nichols of Friden Calculators, Mr. Driscoll of the San Francisco Employers Council, Vice President Earl D. Brodie of Brodie Meters, a representative of Irving Subway Grating Company, President R. L. Osborne of the Malabar Manufacturing Company, and many others, not all of whom I had an opportunity to meet at the various times they were there."

"Judge Edward Smith was present, as was Chief of Police Farina of Emeryville, Oakland City Councilman John Holmdahl, Attorney Knox, and the one and only Sam Blanford of the Machinists and the Democratic Party."

"Needless to say everybody enjoyed their visit and had nothing but praise and warm congratulations for the far-sighted International Association of Machinists."

Checkoff at Port Is Not for Unions

A majority of the Port of Oakland Commissioners decided Monday that it's okay to have the checkoff system for a company union or employees' "association" but it wouldn't do to let legitimate unions have such a system.

The Oakland Civil Service Employees Association asked the board for the right to have dues to the association collected by the checkoff. One of the commissioners moved that the request be granted.

J. F. Galliano, well known labor attorney, who has been a member of the commission since the days when Joe Smith was Mayor of Oakland, promptly moved an amendment providing that legitimate labor unions could have the checkoff system for their members working for the Port of Oakland. Commissioner Dunlap Clark seconded Galliano's amendment.

Galliano's amendment was voted down 3 to 2. Galliano and Clark voted for it, and Commissioners John F. Tulloch, Nat Levy, and H. W. Estep voting against it.

When the original motion came up, to let the "association" have the checkoff right, the vote was reversed. Galliano and Clark voting against it on the ground that if legitimate unions couldn't have the right, there was no reason the "association" should have it.

Robert S. Ash, secretary of the Central Labor Council, narrated these events to the CLC delegates this week.

DeMartini Choice Is Noted by CLC

The Central Labor Council has authorized Secretary Robert S. Ash to send a letter to Oakland Mayor Cliff Rishell congratulating him on nominating Frank A. DeMartini, Teamsters 70, to the Oakland Civil Service Commission. The nomination was confirmed by the City Council.

DeMartini, secretary of Teamsters 70, is a member of the Central Labor Council executive committee.

Miller, Pruss, Davy, Childers Return to Office for 3 Years

All officers of the Building Trades Council were in effect re-elected Tuesday for 3-year terms.

Technically, the actual election will take place next Tuesday, but that will simply consist of Secretary John Davy casting a white ballot for those nominated this week, as there were no opposing nominations, and it was held that there could be no further nominations at the meeting next week.

Officers who will return to their positions for three years are:

President—J. S. (Blackie) Miller, Painters 127
Vice President—Joe Pruss, Sheet Metal Workers 216
Secretary—John Davy, Steamfitters 342
Business Representative—J. L. Childers, Plasterers 112
Sergeant-at-Arms—Thaddeus (Ted) Stevens, Laborers 304

TRUSTEES
The following five trustees were nominated without opposition, and in effect elected: Abel (Blackie) Silva, Hod Carriers 166; Charles Garoni, Linoleum Layers 1290; Ernest W. Mulrew, Teamsters 70; S. A. Summers, Roofers 81; Louis Fuller, Carpenters 1622.

Others nominated as trustees but who declined, were: Robert Quinn, Sheet Metal Workers 216; Charles Roe, Carpenters 1622; Jim Martin, Steamfitters 342; Chester Bartolini, Carpenters 36.

LAW & LEGISLATIVE
The following five were nominated for the Law & Legislative Committee, and in effect elected: Paul L. Jones, Laborers 304; Bruce Dillshaw, Cement Masons 594; B. R. Tooke, Sign Painters 878; Abel (Blackie) Silva, Hod Carriers 166; Lloyd Peaslee, Painters 127.

Others nominated but who declined were: Joe Souza, Clerks & Lumber Handlers 939; S. E. Rockwell Electricians 595; William Cabral, Teamsters 70; Larry Kessel, Painters 127.

FRATERNAL DELEGATE
Thomas J. Roberts, Engineers 39, the oldest man in the labor movement here, and one of the most energetic, was nominated for fraternal delegate to the Central Labor Council.

Roberts is so highly respected that President Miller expressed the sentiment of the council when he said humorously immediately after Roberts had been nominated: "The chair moves that the nominations be closed!"

FED DELEGATES
The following were elected delegates to the State Federation of Labor convention in San Diego August 15-19:

Secretary John Davy, Business Representative J. L. Childers.

THAT TEXAS JOB
Childers said that the Texan who had been reported on the week before, who is wrecking the old structures of the Alameda Housing Authority, has been so cramped in style by picketing that he is now trying to sell out his project.

LABORATORY
Childers reported that he and a group of business agents had conferred with UC officials concerning various matters at issue at the UC laboratory at Livermore.

Hugh Rutledge, Painters 127, said that members of his union were getting impatient about the slowness of UC in getting into the payroll the increase in pay for members of the craft.

CANNERY SALES JOB
Childers said that a non-union man was found scavenging the wreckage at the burned Cannery Sales Co. on East 12th street, and a union man had replaced him.

HAGGERTY LETTER
Secretary Davy read a letter from State Fed Secretary C. J. Haggerty commenting on the BTC protest against the Board of Supervisors paying the State Chamber of Commerce for publicizing the county, and said he hoped that the State Chamber might begin to be more conciliatory in its attitude toward labor.

GLAZIERS 169
Ed Parriott, business representative, Glaziers 169, submitted the new scale: \$2.67 an hour for journeymen, 7 1/2 cents health and welfare fund, 8 1/2 cents vacation fund. On January 1, 1956, the scale will advance to \$2.69 per hour with fringe benefits.

SHEET METAL 216
Lloyd Child, business representative, Sheet Metal 216, submitted the addendum to the contract with the Sheet Metal Contractors Association of Alameda and Contra Costa counties: 7 1/2 cents per hour increase in wages beginning July 1, an

additional 7 1/2 cents beginning October 1, 1955; and effective July 1, 1955, 3 1/4 cents per hour allocation for vacation pay.

DISCOUNT HOUSES
The Board of Business Agents reported discussing the relation of the council to discount houses. It was held, and the delegates confirmed the stand, that the council as such would not endorse discount houses nor any type of business house, but that the constituent local unions are free to make their own decisions in this connection.

LIQUOR STORE PICKET
Childers reported that a picket had been placed at a liquor store, 98th avenue and East 14th street, because of a non-union craftsman employed on work there.

STANDARD EQUIPMENT CO.
Childers said the Standard Equipment Co. of San Francisco had moved some equipment from a job on 50th avenue, but the firm there evidently did not realize the outfit was non-union, and pledged cooperation in the future.

NON-UNION LATHER
Childers said that at 456 Parrot avenue a non-union contractor was found doing lathing and plastering work, and a picket was placed.

HAYWARD HANGAR
Childers said a picket was placed on a job about which the Cement Masons had complained: the building of a hangar for 10 planes at Hayward Airport.

PLASTERING JOB
Childers said that a picket had been placed at 958 14th street, where non-union lathing and plastering was being done.

TRACTS CHECKED
Childers said he and several business agents had visited a dozen tracts in Washington township, and on some of them had to lay down the law about sanitary requirements for workers.

BY-LAWS REVISION
On motion of Charles Garoni, Linoleum Layers 1290, the council voted to request the Law & Legislative Committee to undertake the revision of the council's by-laws.

SOUND CONSTRUCTION
On motion of Charles Roe, Hayward Carpenters 1622, it was voted to set up a committee to maintain sound construction practices, it being felt that an organized effort was coming in from the southern end of the State to utilize harmful and insufficient methods of building in the big developments springing up in southern Alameda county.

WEST NURSERY
Childers said he will check the situation at West Nursery, 13850 East 14th street, Hayward Painters having complained about non-union craftsmen at work there.

CITY OF OAKLAND
Childers said the city of Oakland has put on a union contractor at the job the Cement Masons had complained about recently.

DAVY WIRES CONGRESS
It was announced that Secretary John Davy had wired to Congressmen George P. Miller and John J. Allen Jr. concerning the multimillion dollar highway bill reported out of the House Public Works Committee and containing the Bacon-Davis provision the building trades want. The bill is now before the House Rules Committee, and action is expected soon.

15 A. D. Demo Picnic
The 15th Assembly District Democratic Club will have a picnic from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 23, at Temescal Bowl, near junction of Broadway and Mountain boulevard. Roger Kent, Northern California leader, will be present.

Cleaners Win Pact As Lockout by Big Outfit Collapses

Thunder and lightning last week in the cleaning industry.

Balmy summer sky this week. That was the story as unfolded by Russ Crowell, Cleaners 23, in his report to the Central Labor Council Monday.

Crowell said that despite all the grandiose gesture of the big lockout staged by the group of big cleaning establishments represented by J. Hunter Clark, the union now has the Clark group signed up for two years.

The group represented by United Employers had previously signed up, and did not participate in the lockout.

"The most serious thing about the actions of the lockout group," said Crowell, "was that they seemed determined to take the handling of policy away from elected officers of the union, and work directly on the membership, trying to get members to force management plans on the union."

Some members did weaken under management pressure and send in petitions asking Crowell to accept ten cents an hour which the management spokesmen claimed they were offering and which they claimed Crowell was unreasonably refusing. But Crowell, as he had explained to the CLC delegates the week before when the lockout move was developing, was standing firm on the union's policy of getting an increase that would make the wage here equal to that San Francisco cleaning workers would have when their current negotiations were completed.

The fact that the San Francisco negotiations were completed during the lockout here was a fortunate coincidence, Crowell said. He added that negotiations there had been speeded a bit by the French business agent of the San Francisco local suddenly deciding that Bastille Day ought to be celebrated, with all the workers laying off duly to honor that great day.

"So perhaps Bastille Day will be a regular element in our negotiations from now on," said Crowell humorously.

The two year contract won after so much struggle provides that counter girls, markers, and checkers, constituting some 40% of the union members, will get 11 cents an hour retroactive to June 4; 8 cents January 1, 1956; and 5 cents June 4, 1956. This will bring them on the final date mentioned to \$1.59 an hour basic scale.

Pressers will get 8 cents an hour retroactively, 8 cents the second date mentioned above, and 5 cents the third date, bringing them then to \$2 an hour.

Silk machine pressers get 38 cents an hour retroactively, 8 cents the second date, and 5 cents the third, bringing them also to \$2 an hour on the final date.

Some scales for some classifications which the union considered grossly inequitable got as much as 52 cents an hour increase, but this was for a small group.

Crowell said that W. P. Fee, Central Labor Council assistant secretary, had faithfully attended a great many negotiation meetings during the prolonged hassle, and had even called up during his, Fee's vacation, to ask if he could do something.

Crowell said that during the final struggle he had been greatly heartened by the firm cooperation given by Clyde Jackson, Laundry Drivers 209; Herbert Sims, Engineers 39; John Kinnick, Office Employees 29; and Eddie Maney, Laundry Workers 2.

Shipyard Laborers Choose Delegates

Shipyard Laborers on July 16 elected two delegates to the State Federation of Labor convention at San Diego.

O. K. Mitchell, 299 votes, and R. J. Brennan, 219 votes, were elected.

Other candidates were: Harry Lumsden 113 votes; John Samanigo, 106 votes, and Oscar Farniglia, 2 votes.

ELECTRONIC VOTE counters for the primary election next June won't be available, County Clerk Jack Blue now fears. He says more time is needed to check the machines and to train crews for their operation.

HOW TO BUY Points About Funerals

By SIDNEY MARGOLIS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

On that inevitable day when a family must arrange for a funeral for one of its members, it generally is poorly prepared emotionally or financially for the disturbingly high burial expense with which it is suddenly confronted.

At best, even among reputable funeral establishments, burying the dead is a high-markup business. At worst, there is an unscrupulous fringe of funeral directors who seriously exploit moderate-income families dazed by their tragedy and inexperienced in such arrangements. Most noticeable abuse is the practice among some undertakers of finding out how much insurance the family got, and then charging accordingly so the insurance is wiped out.

Too, you have to beware of bait advertising in the funeral business just as when you buy a sewing machine, a vacuum cleaner or storm windows from a high-pressure outfit. Some undertakers are known to advertise moderate prices for funerals, but to jack up the price when you come in to make arrangements.

CASKET SETS PRICE

The funeral industry has a peculiar pricing system based on the price of the casket. According to Hollin Everett, one of a group of St. Louis trade unionists who organized a cooperative burial plan there several years ago, the St. Louis unions found that a family that chose the lowest-cost casket at about \$73 got a funeral for \$490; if it chose a \$134 casket, the funeral cost would be about \$780; with a \$462 bronze casket, the funeral bill would be \$1678. These figures are approximately correct, this writer has learned from his own investigation. But the peculiar thing is that the other services vary little. The funeral director simply makes a progressively higher profit on the family that chooses a more expensive casket.

When your own family has a death, how should you approach this problem? Rollin Everett feels that wage-earners are increasingly vulnerable to the pressure for expensive burials because of the increased insurance benefits they now have through their unions. He recommends that families be educated against "needlessly ornate funerals, especially if they are buying in the open market where costs will pyramid with the price of the casket." He suggests that a good wooden casket or the lower-priced metal ones look very presentable.

ASK QUESTIONS!

Ask the funeral director to explain his prices and what they represent. Don't be reluctant to tell him that there are limiting financial circumstances, and that the complete cost must be within certain limits. After you have determined what the cost will be, see that the funeral director gives you a complete list of the items which he will provide for the funeral and have him sign the list.

Be very wary of buying "burial insurance." The Association of Better Business Bureaus points out that much of the life insurance sold in this country, especially in the lower brackets, is purchased for funeral purposes. But many of these burial policies, which are often paid for by small weekly or monthly payments, actually offer less value than standard life insurance policies, and are much more expensive when you add up the yearly cost.

A Woman's Land!

America is a woman's country, a London woman who heads three war bride's associations said on a visit to the U.S.A. "I'm amazed at the partnership of husband and wife in America," Mrs. Rose Buckner said. "Why, American husbands even help their wives do dishes and there's not a thing wrong with it. England is a man's country, you know. We suit the husband first."

Mrs. Buckner said she believes English women may some day enjoy the same relationship with their husbands that American women do "but it'll take time."

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FROM THE EDITOR To The Ladies

WAGES HAVE RISEN in all lines for all classes of workers, we usually think.

But Bryn Mawr College has made a study of what salaries its Ph. D. graduates are getting as teachers and professors in the academic world, and finds that whereas in the 1920s they were getting an average of \$5,700 per year, in the 1950s they're getting an average of \$3,900!

If you figured it in terms of pay per hour for 50 40-hour weeks, it means that since the 1920s these women's pay has been cut from the \$2.85 per hour it was 30 years ago to the \$1.95 it is now.

NOT ONLY THAT, but a woman who is an expert on the subject recently reported that while years ago the percentage of women on the faculties of institutions of higher learning was 31 percent, it has now dropped to 25%.

In secondary and elementary schools a similar decline in the status of women has been noted. Women are now slightly less than 8% of all the public high school principals. That is practically identical to the proportion of half a century ago.

UNIVERSITY WOMEN, that is, graduates of universities, have an organization called the American Association of University Women. This organization has an important Committee on the Status of Women; it is from the report of this committee, made recently at a convention, that we get the figures cited.

Since more of the daughters of labor families are going to the universities and getting degrees, this matter of declining pay for our Ph.D.s is of real interest.

Some Good Food

Fluffy Sauce

1/4 cup butter
1 cup powdered sugar
1 egg yolk
4 tablespoons orange juice
1 teaspoon grated orange rind
1 egg white, stiffly beaten
1/2 cup Heavy cream, whipped
cream butter with powdered sugar and egg yolk until fluffy. Add orange juice, a tablespoon at a time, beating after each addition. Blend in grated orange rind. Fold in beaten egg white and whipped cream. Chill thoroughly and serve over hot pudding. If desired garnish with additional grated orange rind.

Household Hints

Those Synthetics

For a number of years now housewives have been getting used to the special ways of handling synthetic fabrics like nylon, dacron, and orlon. The complication is the problem of handling the combinations of synthetic fibers or combinations of synthetics with cotton or wool or rayon.

Fortunately, most of the combination fabrics are clearly labeled "washable" or "this garment should be dry cleaned"—and let us hope that the growing disregard for the individual consumer in some government departments will not deprive housewives of this vital information.

Save all descriptive tags on garments of the fabric content. Frequently they include suggestions on laundering. If in doubt about a fabric, ask the clerk for information before buying. When the time comes to launder, check the tag for the percentage of synthetic in the garment. It should be higher than a natural fiber, like cotton, if it is to dry quickly and to require no ironing, or a minimum.

All of the synthetics can be washed safely in lukewarm to warm water and mild detergent suds. The white articles should be washed separately, especially those of all-nylon; use a bluing rinse, rather than a bleach, for nylon which has "gone gray." Heavily soiled items, like synthetic curtains or slacks or suits, can be washed in automatic washers, if directions are followed carefully. However, if there is any doubt about the results (frequently the swirling of a washer makes drying-without ironing a myth), it may be more satisfactory to hand-wash suits and dresses made of synthetic fabrics. Use a soft brush for the deepest soil areas like neck bands, pockets and cuffs.

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Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

ONE OF THE TEN commandments says "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain."

In our youth we were taught that this meant we shouldn't use certain "swear words" containing the name of the Deity. This was blasphemy, a mortal sin.

A new kind of blasphemy seems to have grown up in Hollywood, however, according to America, a Roman Catholic Weekly, and the Christian Herald, a leading Protestant monthly.

Articles in both papers condemn certain movies, such as the recently made and much advertised "Prodigal" as being complete distortions of the Bible stories, and travesties upon religion.

Philip Scharper, of Fordham University, says, in America, that such movies are "compounded of ersatz drama and synthetic history," while J. C. Furnas, writing in the Christian Herald, says that "Bible movies run to honky-tonk sex and comic book violence, barely remembering to conclude with a sickly religiosity."

These pictures are not only an affront to the intelligence and religious feeling of adults, but they are seen by all too many children whose unthinking parents feel that anything about the Bible is sure to be ennobling. Such cynical employment of sacred subjects is surely blasphemy, if anything is!

Hollywood will always be Hollywood, but sometimes, when things have gone a bit far, protests by papers such as these two, as well as by decent citizens everywhere, surely will help to curb the wild imaginations of these ebullient entertainment mongers.

C. C. Dotson, Tool & Die Maker Union Manager, Is Named to School Board

Charles C. Dotson, business manager for IAM Tool & Die Makers Lodge 1176 of the Bay Area, with offices in the Pacific Building, Oakland, has been appointed to the Millbrae Elementary School District Board of Trustees in San Mateo county. Dotson, originally from West Virginia, has been in California for 16 years and a resident of Millbrae for 10 years. His wife Mariam is active in P-T-A. Mr. and Mrs. Dotson have two children, 11-year-old Cheryl and 3-year-old Lynn.

Dotson, a veteran of World War II, is a member of American Legion Post 417. His service included action in both the Pacific and European theaters. In addition to various civic activities, Dotson acts as advisor to the Adult Education Departments of both the Oakland City Schools and the San Francisco Schools in the apprentice training field.

Dotson was the unanimous recommendation of a citizens' nominating committee appointed by San Mateo County School Superintendent James R. Torrey to suggest to him possible replacements for the board vacancy. The committee considered a number of outstanding community members as potential Millbrae trustees, and interviewed several of their selections in order to recommend the citizens best equipped for the responsible position of school board member in their community.

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Higher Pay for Oakland Firemen Asked by Labor

The Central Labor Council has authorized Secretary Robert S. Ash to write to the city of Oakland authorities requesting that the wages of firemen be raised to the level of those in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

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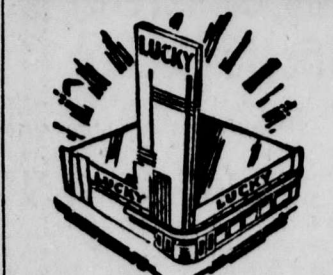
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Frank Duffy Aided Peter McGuire to Create Labor Day

In last week's issue of East Bay Labor Journal there was a reference to "Frank Duffy, the carpenter who established Labor Day," and in another part of the same issue Duffy was mentioned as "founder of Labor Day."

In both instances the writer failed to set down what he had in mind—something that happens to writers from time to time. For of course what he had in mind was that Frank Duffy was the carpenter who helped Peter J. McGuire to establish Labor Day, and so was a co-founder, not the founder, of that great holiday.

Duffy died in Indianapolis recently in his nineties. He was a vice president of the AFL from 1918 to 1940. He retired in 1950 as secretary of the AFL United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners. He served the carpenters in the key post for 48 years.

Born in County Monaghan, Ireland, Duffy came to New York when he was 20 years old, became a carpenter and active trade unionist. He was the first president of the Executive Council of Greater New York of the United Order of American Carpenters and Joiners.

During his years of service on the AFL Executive Council he was a close associate of AFL President Samuel Gompers and William Green. He nominated Green for the AFL presidency for a decade starting in 1938.

In 1950, at 89, Duffy retired from his union post but continued to appear at AFL conventions walking off with honors as the oldest trade unionist in attendance.

As editor of The Carpenter, the union publication, Duffy was instrumental in welding the numerous carpenters unions into one large, solid union.

He worked closely also with Peter J. McGuire, who established the carpenters union around a nucleus of 11 locals with about 2,000 members, in the drive to win the eight hour day and establish Labor Day as a day dedicated to the nation's workers.

Kaiser Hospital Given Praise by Edna Foley

Edna Foley, member of Office Employees 29 on the staff of East Bay Labor Journal, is convalescing at her home, 3520 Maple Avenue, Oakland, following an operation at Kaiser Permanente hospital.

Mrs. Foley says that the treatment of all patients at that hospital seems to her wonderful.

"If anyone is suffering especially, or is approaching a crisis in their illness," she said, "the hospital people are right on the job 24 hours a day giving special care."

5% UC Wage Increase; Union Pacts Separate

A 5 percent wage increase retroactive to July 1 goes to 11,500 non-academic employees of the University of California by a decision of the Board of Regents taken last week. The increase totals about a million dollars.

Union employees under separate contracts are not included, nor are those receiving academic salaries.

A. J. McCollum Appointed PG&E Advertising Chief

The appointment of A. James McCollum as manager of the department of advertising and publicity of Pacific Gas and Electric Company was announced recently. McCollum, the company's news bureau chief since 1946, succeeds Robert R. Gros, who was promoted to a vice presidency of the company last week. The appointment, effective August 1, was announced by Norman R. Sutherland, PG&E president and general manager.

McCollum, of 1854 Thousand Oaks Boulevard, Berkeley, is a former newspaperman and editor who began his journalistic training as a boy on the Coalinda Record, of which his father is publisher.

NAVAL AIR STATION at Alameda, along with Oakland Navy Supply Center and other Federal installations in this area, will pay 7 cents more per hour to hourly workers beginning August 6, to adjust Government pay to prevailing wages here. About 40,000 workers in the Bay Area will be affected.

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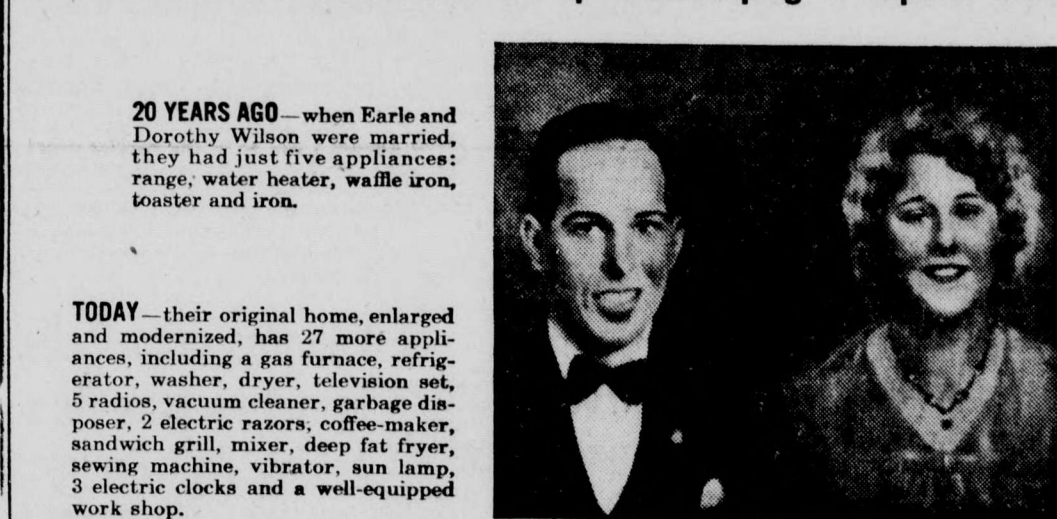
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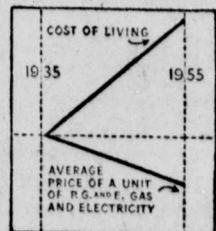
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Most Californians—like the Wilsons—have added gas and electric servants over the years. The average California home uses three times as much gas and electricity as twenty years ago. Naturally, your total bill is higher, but the average price of a kilowatt hour of electricity and a cubic foot of gas is about one-third less than in 1935—thanks to mass production economies.

As a result, the Wilson's gas and electric

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Steamfitters' Picnic Is Big Success

By JIM MARTIN

This union's annual picnic was held last Sunday at Knowland Park in East Oakland. There was quite a large turnout at this picnic. Chairman Bennie Gossney and his Committee did a very nice job in providing first class entertainment, food and beverages, which were enjoyed by all. On behalf of the officers of this local union we wish to thank the Picnic Committee for a job well done.

Final arrangements are being made by the United Association for the second Annual National Apprenticeship Contest to be held at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, from August 15 to August 20, 1955. California will be represented by a 5th year plumber apprentice from Local 78 of Los Angeles and 5th year pipefitter apprentice from Local 250, also from Los Angeles. These apprentices were the California State winners.

In connection with this International Contest there will be a six-day course for instructors, for Financial Secretaries, Health and Welfare, also talks pertaining to jurisdiction and atomic energy. From all indications there will be a very large attendance at Purdue University.

Our next meeting will be held August 4, 1955.

Dressing Room Chatter

By JOE CONNELLY

Chew, Ex-Officer Theater Union, Weds

Former member Eddy Chew, who at one time was a well known figure around the Paramount Theater, is in the mail with a wedding announcement. The bride is the former Gladys Yee. The ceremony was held last Sunday in the chapel of the Episcopal Church of Our Saviors in Oakland. The newlyweds are touring parts of California and stopped in King City to send us the happy tidings.

Eddy served as vice-president of the local at one time, and is presently connected with the United Crusade public relations department. . . . Diane Catson of the Lux, spending her vacation in Long Beach. . . . Betty Monroe of the Fox-Oakland in and out of the hospital. . . . Assistant manager Gordon Stoddard of the same house leaving the keys in his parked Cadillac and returning to find both the keys and the car gone. . . . George Ehey has moved from the door to the official assistant managerial spot at the Roxie. This is the second time since 1937 that the assistant's berth has been declared official, although some doormen in the past gave themselves the title without benefit of the home office approval. . . . Juanita Morris is the new head usherette at the same house, having replaced Virginia Reedy Sanderson, who is now at the T & D. . . . Joe Cassel slated to enter the hospital last Tuesday. Joe last worked regularly at the Sands Ball Room door. . . . Former member Nellie Anderson Nelson, now retired but available for vacation relief work as a matron. . . . Last week saw the revival of the rumor that the Orpheum would reopen, but to date we have discovered no concrete basis for the story. . . . Remember to keep track of your hours as our agreement with the employers calls for retroactive pay to March 1st expiration date of the old contract. . . . Final union meeting of the month scheduled for tomorrow at 10 a.m. (23rd). . . . Lawrence Verdugo, formerly of the Broadway in to take a withdrawal. . . . The union business office assisting Brother Gerald Hill in his appeal before the Unemployment Insurance Act referee, for disqualifying him for 5 weeks unemployment insurance.

I think that the Labor Party will not come back strong until the Tories with their 'free economy' ideas once again bring Great Britain into a depressed period.

Much the same is true in the United States, where people will probably vote Republican while things are good but as soon as the Republicans' 'businessmen economics' bring us back on to the road to depression they will look to the Democrats to stem the tide and inaugurate progressive government where the workingman gets consideration as well as the businessman.

That well publicized increase in California unemployment insurance benefits is not all that it seems. The boost in the ceiling from \$30 to \$33 weekly is real enough in itself, but the new law also eliminates from coverage many people who need unemployment insurance the most.

This sleeper, which was noted in the Labor Citizen when the law was passed, would require an unemployed person to make \$600 in the 12-month qualifying period rather than \$300 which was the standard under the old law.

The restrictive clause will cut off many seasonal workers who are unable to find steady year-round work.

Those who have any doubts about the effects of this latest gimmick can be enlightened by Business Agent Emil Mertlik of Packinghouse & Warehouse-men's Local 616—Valley Labor Journal (Fresno.)

Associated Press recently reported that a man was browsing through a supermarket. The company's courtesy campaign was on. A cashier asked if he could help. He wanted to know where the can openers were kept. She showed him.

He went to the soup counter, selected a can, opened it, drank it, put the can opener back, went back to the cashier, paid for the soup—and asked the cashier to dispose of the empty can.

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OFFICIAL NOTICES

Joint Carpenters' Picnic

The Alameda County Joint Carpenters' Picnic will be held Sunday, July 24, at Linda Vista Park, near Mission San Jose. ENTERTAINMENT, DANCING, SWIMMING, RACES. The Carpenters' Picnic Committee invites all union men and families to attend and enjoy what we think will be one of the outstanding picnics of the year. Come and really enjoy yourselves. Tickets 50 cents, children free. To reach Linda Vista Park take Niles highway to Mission San Jose. The park is just outside of town. Hope to see you all! Yours fraternally, JOINT CARPENTERS' PICNIC COMMITTEE

Steamfitters 342

Effective immediately there will be one membership meeting a month for the months of July, August and September. The Executive Board will meet the first and third Thursdays during these months. Charges for non-attendance of meetings will not be made for these months. Our next meeting will be held August 4.

Fraternally yours,

JAMES MARTIN,
Business Manager and
Financial Secretary

MHlmen 550

Members are reminded that the annual Carpenters Picnic will be held at Linda Vista, near Mission San Jose, Sunday, July 24; and that this union, Millmen's Local 550, is an affiliate of the International Brotherhood of Carpenters and that accordingly this Carpenters Picnic is an ideal recreational outing for our members and their families. We are welcome to attend.

Yours fraternally,

EMIL H. OVENBERG, Financial Secretary
JOHN TOEDT, Recording Secretary
ANTHONY L. RAMOS, Business Representative

To All Members of East Bay Automotive Machinists 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 P.M. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,

A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

Painters, District Council 16

To all members of House Painters Local Unions: The Bay Area Painters Welfare Program will be open for changes to become effective September 1, 1955. Any and all members desiring changes in the program to be made must have such desired changes submitted through their Local Union and in the hands of the trustees of the Bay Area Painters Welfare Fund by July 30, 1955.

Fraternally yours,

LESLIE K. MOORE
Secretary-Treasurer of the District
Council of Painters No. 16

Berkeley Painters Local 40

Our next meeting, Friday night, July 22, will be a SPECIAL CALLED MEETING for the purpose of voting on the retention of the Smith & Parish Plan. This Plan has been of great benefit to our members so please make every effort to attend.

This will serve to notify the members of this Local that effective August 1, the premium of \$1.30 per \$1,000 Life Insurance will be raised to \$1.35 per \$1,000.

Fraternally,

BEN RASNICK,
Recording Secretary

Hayward Painters 1178

As far as we know now the next meeting of the Local dated Friday August 5 will be of the regular order. However watch the columns of the Journal for any possible special called meeting for that date.

There will be a discussion of the merits of a new life insurance policy coming from the Tri-State Insurance Company underwritten by the California Western States Insurance Co.

Bro. Andrew G. Swanson running against two other Brothers was elected as our Delegate to the State Federation Convention to be held in San Diego beginning August the 19.

Fraternally yours,

ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

Plasterers 112

Special called meeting Thursday, August 4 to discuss financial standing of the Local and consider possible recommendations regarding the same.

'Private Enterprise Is Not Supplying Housing For Low Income Groups'

Testimony against public housing for low income families given by the National Association of Real Estate Boards before committees of Congress was answered by Public Housing Commissioner Charles E. Slusser at the Public Housing Conference in Washington. Commissioner Slusser said in part:

The National Association of Real Estate Boards maintains that "public housing is unnecessary because of the high volume of home construction since the close of World War II and the continuing marked reduction in the number of low income persons since 1946 . . ."

Garden-type apartment projects and suburban subdivisions far removed from the centers of usual employment scarcely meet the housing needs of low-income families.

The number of low-income families may now be diminishing, but NAREB's figures, or any others available, do not indicate that by any foreseeable date will low-income families completely vanish.

Families who lose their wage earners, whose natural environment, and income is well below normal, are going to still need decent housing. Up to the present they have found it only in public housing.

Where private enterprise is unable to provide the home that gives dignity and a sense of pride to an American family of low income, then the Federal Government, working through private enterprise, should help fulfill this need.

As Public Housing Commissioner, I hold that the provision of good housing at reasonable cost is the proper function of private enterprise. When private enterprise demonstrates conclusively that it can do the job, then will we say "God-speed," and step out of the picture. That just isn't the case today.

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Some Stage Hands Now on Vacation

By HOWARD GOSS

Missed last week's column because the mountain air and beautiful Yuba river in Nevada County were so nice that I couldn't get back in time.

The Everett Kings took a jaunt through the same country winding up in Reno. The weather wasn't so good and he wound up with a code id da hed.

The Forrest Bradleys spent two weeks camping near Burney. They came back for a few busy days and are taking off for the hills again.

After many long days and nights spent repainting and rebuilding their new house in San Lorenzo the Howard Bottorffs are finally moved in and settled. About time for a party, Howard? Noticed a bright red Coca Cola ice bag amid the confusion at the old homestead—are you the one?

Congratulations to Eddie Hansen, Local 107's newest member. Take it easy, Ed, the first three years are the hardest.

For those who "never get a notice" the increase in dues and assessments carried. As Mel Mosier says "never go down, always go up"—except for phone bills, Mel?

Businessman Likes CLC Stand Against Discount Houses

"East Bay Unioners, We Salute You!" are the closing words of an article by Ed Wimmer, vice president of the National Federation of Independent Business, Inc., praising the Alameda County Central Labor Council for taking a stand against discount houses.

The article appeared in a newspaper a clipping from which was sent East Bay Labor Journal from Cincinnati, Ohio, but the name of the paper was missing.

Wimmer has the name of the Labor Council wrong, but his heart is in the right place. Here's what he said:

The East Bay Labor Council of Oakland, California, has urged all its members to "discontinue membership in Discount Houses." The Resolution stated that "discount houses are a detriment to all unions and their members."

This should come as a big surprise to most union leaders and their members who have lived under the false impression that cheap prices over the retail counter are good for workers and for the national economy, no matter who gets hurt. It should also be a surprise to those business leaders who keep maintaining that "union leaders and organized workers won't take steps to protect their future no matter how many facts are laid before them."

Discount house promoters have told me, in fact, that the biggest sucker for the "get it at wholesale" come-on, is the so-called "smart" member of a labor union who never calls a fellow unioner when he wants his house painted or his plumbing fixed. My answer has always been, "lack of economic education; lack of understanding of the economic forces which govern our standard of living."

TAX ASSESSMENTS in Alameda county and 18 other counties are too low, the State Board of Equalization has ruled. Alameda county is asked to raise its assessment rate 35%. Contra Costa 45%. It was explained this does not necessarily mean higher tax rates, as if the assessment were increased the tax rate could be lowered accordingly.

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Some Stage Hands Now on Vacation

By HOWARD GOSS

Missed last week's column because the mountain air and beautiful Yuba river in Nevada County were so nice that I couldn't get back in time.

The Everett Kings took a jaunt through the same country winding up in Reno. The weather wasn't so good and he wound up with a code id da hed.

The Forrest Bradleys spent two weeks camping near Burney. They came back for a few busy days and are taking off for the hills again.

After many long days and nights spent repainting and rebuilding their new house in San Lorenzo the Howard Bottorffs are finally moved in and settled. About time for a party, Howard? Noticed a bright red Coca Cola ice bag amid the confusion at the old homestead—are you the one?

Congratulations to Eddie Hansen, Local 107's newest member. Take it easy, Ed, the first three years are the hardest.

For those who "never get a notice" the increase in dues and assessments carried. As Mel Mosier says "never go down, always go up"—except for phone bills, Mel?

Businessman Likes CLC Stand Against Discount Houses

"East Bay Unioners, We Salute You!" are the closing words of an article by Ed Wimmer, vice president of the National Federation of Independent Business, Inc., praising the Alameda County Central Labor Council for taking a stand against discount houses.

The article appeared in a newspaper a clipping from which was sent East Bay Labor Journal from Cincinnati, Ohio, but the name of the paper was missing.

Wimmer has the name of the Labor Council wrong, but his heart is in the right place. Here's what he said:

The East Bay Labor Council of Oakland, California, has urged all its members to "discontinue membership in Discount Houses." The Resolution stated that "discount houses are a detriment to all unions and their members."

This should come as a big surprise to most union leaders and their members who have lived under the false impression that cheap prices over the retail counter are good for workers and for the national economy, no matter who gets hurt. It should also be a surprise to those business leaders who keep maintaining that "union leaders and organized workers won't take steps to protect their future no matter how many facts are laid before them."

Discount house promoters have told me, in fact, that the biggest sucker for the "get it at wholesale" come-on, is the so-called "smart" member of a labor union who never calls a fellow unioner when he wants his house painted or his plumbing fixed. My answer has always been, "lack of economic education; lack of understanding of the economic forces which govern our standard of living."

TAX ASSESSMENTS in Alameda county and 18 other counties are too low, the State Board of Equalization has ruled. Alameda county is asked to raise its assessment rate 35%. Contra Costa 45%. It was explained this does not necessarily mean higher tax rates, as if the assessment were increased the tax rate could be lowered accordingly.

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OPINIONS

TEACHER AGREES WITH MISS MCCONN ON ROAD LITTER

Editor, Labor Journal:

In your June 24 issue, I was more than pleased to see the item on page 2 by Edith McConn. Preserving old landmarks and keeping highways clean are hobbies dear to my heart.

I am enclosing a letter I wrote to Governor Knight on these subjects. Maybe you could add your voice to mine. Others are writing to the Chronicle about these needs. In about ten years if we all keep on, there will be a noticeable change. I'm sure.

I'm glad you have a nice, new office.

Cordially,
JOYCE E. LOBNER

Following is a portion of the letter sent by Joyce E. Lobner, a member of the AFL Teachers Union, to Governor Knight:

On a recent trip to the Sierra, my sister and I picnicked in Bliss Park on the shores of Lake Tahoe. My Mother went to school with Mr. Bliss' daughter, so I have been very interested in the Park made of his gift of land to our State. Being a Californian, I took great pride in finding this Park so beautifully laid out and kept so clean.

Along the highways things are not always so clean. Rubbish, particularly beer cans, make an unsightly and disgusting detraction from all the natural beauty. Now here is my suggestion: Could not KQED or some other channel put on a show as follows:

1. Beautiful highway, which has not been marred by any careless citizen throwing trash out of his car.
2. Picnickers or auto passengers dump their refuse along the road.
3. Other tourists come to the place and are horrified by the mess.
4. State employees collect garbage Monday morning along the highway (as I have seen them doing) with a statement as to the expense this service is to the taxpayer.

If this program, with variations, were televised once a week for a while, it might help curb this nuisance.

THEY PHONED?

Three union officials involved in an organizing drive among New York drug stores, were arraigned in General Sessions Court. The charge: they tied up store telephones during rush hours by making constant non-business calls into the firms.—Labor's Daily.

CHRISTIAN

As to moral and spiritual life, Christianity is the fundamental religion of the United States, and I have noticed that through this religion the people are devoting themselves to purifying their spirits and living honest lives.—Major Jiro Tokuyama, writing from Tokyo to Christian Science Monitor.

TWO GENIUSES

In my opinion the two greatest men we ever had in sports were Mister McGraw and Knute Rocke. Each as a pure genius and no one else came close.—Eddie Brannick, secretary of the New York Giants.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

One of the country's best labor reporters after years of covering and writing about union activities for the daily newspapers, has decided that labor is the least public relations conscious group in the country. This reporter points out that union members take adverse publicity constantly without making much, if any effort to counteract it with favorable publicity.—Gordon H. Cole, editor of the Machinist Weekly.

SWOONERS

Most of the leaders of organized labor are ready to swoon at the feet of any Republican who gives them so much as a friendly nod. . . . Rank and file are confused when they see their leaders off on a tangent chasing a Republican.—Summit County Journal, Breckinridge, Colorado.

LOOPHOLE

Another loophole has turned up in last year's tax bill, and again it is in favor of corporations. So far they haven't found a single loophole for me, darn it! How about you?—Valley Labor Citizen (Fresno.)

FARM EMPLOYMENT in California continued to decrease last week. Various early harvests tapered off while the lack of hot weather delayed full activity on other operations which should be flourishing by now.

EDITORIALS

Carpenters at Six-Bits a Day

Lem Flanigan, Carpenters 36, a delegate to the Building Trades Council, told his brother delegates recently about a town in Oklahoma where a school building, condemned many years ago, is finally going to be rebuilt. So the school board got hold of a contractor who paid the carpenters a dollar a day, and work got started.

But taxpayers in the area complained to the school board that a dollar a day was mighty high wages to be paying, so it was decided to cut the wage to six-bits a day. However, even in that non-union area, this seemed too little, so now work is dragging on the project because it's hard to get men.

Flanigan's story was told the same night that BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers had reported on finding four men working on a wrecking job in the Alameda Housing Project who had been brought up from Texas by a fellow Texan who paid their fare here and said he would pay their fare home. These men told Childers they were getting a dollar a day for a 10-hour day, and that the man who imported them supplied them with a place to sleep in; they were not supposed to take more than one drink of water in the forenoon, and another in the afternoon, so that very little working time would be wasted. But they told Childers it was better to get a dollar a day than the 75 cents they had been getting in Texas.

Jack Faber, Cooks, 228, told the Central Labor Council recently that the wages in Phoenix, which he recently visited, are very low, that the conduct of a strike is extremely difficult there because of repressive anti-labor legislation. Arizona is one of the 18 States which has passed the compulsory open shop law, or the "right to work" law as its advocates elegantly call it.

More than one union official here recently has given warning that we in California need not assume that the conditions described in Oklahoma, Texas, and Arizona will always be marveled far off for us to gaze at. They could arrive here if we go to sleep, or continue to sleep, as some of us are doing. The recent experiences of the building trades in the towns of our own big valley are not too reassuring.

One tough repressive law could undo the work of years in building up decent pay and conditions through unionism. Yet the amount of money that California subscribes to the AFL Labor League for Political Education is pitifully small. It was pitifully small even before the attempt began to make the California AFL a mere stump of a tail to be wagged by the GOP elephant ridden by Goody Knight. In fact, that scheme never could have been sold to the California AFL in the first place to the extent that it has been sold if our unions had been more alert politically.

Fortunately the attempt to tie the California AFL to the tail of Senator Kuchel's little elephant seems to be failing. But it will take more than one good negative action, or even two good negative actions, such as prying loose from both Kuchel and Knight, representatives of the anti-labor elements in our society, to save California labor from the 75-cent per day possibility. We need positive action too, positive political action.

'Waterfront Priest'

"Waterfront Priest," a recent book by Allen Raymond, is about Father Corridan of the St. Francis Xavier Labor School, and his efforts to disentangle the mess in which the New York waterfront workers find themselves as the result of the long years of misrule by officials of the International Longshoremen's Association, which was expelled from the AFL only after George Meany took the helm.

Labor's Daily describes the book as follows: "Here in full detail is the story of close ties between the shipping and stevedoring employers, the International Longshoremen's Association, expelled by the AFL, and officials in New York and other cities which make up the harbor. Under this alliance, organized thievery, estimated at a value of \$60 million a year in 1946, has been only one of the lucrative rackets; and more than 100 unsolved murders have been committed since 1928."

Meanwhile, in San Francisco Federal Court the Government is making its umpteenth attempt to deport Harry Bridges, the man who got his big opportunity to win control of the Bay Area waterfront because of the unsavory operations of this same old International Longshoremen's Association in the days when it flourished on this coast. Talk about locking the barn after the horse is stolen! If labor cleaned out its crooks fast enough the Government would never have to prosecute the likes of Bridges in an effort to pry them out of strategic positions they should never have been let near in the first place.

We of labor can remind the public till we're blue in the face that most unions are honestly run, which is the plain truth, but so long as we are too long suffering in the presence of such shenanigans as the ILA carried on for years we are going to suffer in public esteem.

Two Pillboxes Surrendered

On the political battlefield General Eisenhower has lately surrendered two pillboxes. Hobby and Dixon-Yates.

Mrs. Hobby, co-publisher of a big newspaper deep in the heart of that little old Texas, was so ill-informed, so out of touch with the news, that she didn't know in advance that the public would be so interested in a vaccine to rescue children from the horrors of polio.

The Dixon-Yates crowd didn't know that there is still, in the U. S., despite all assurances to the contrary from reactionary newspapers, a strong public opinion opposing public power being sabotaged on the ground that it is "creeping Socialism."

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Senators Asked to Urge Miami Action

On motion of Charles Geroni, Linoleum Layers 1290, the Central Labor Council voted this week to authorize Secretary Robert S. Ash to send wires to Senators Knowland and Kuchel asking them to urge that the NLRB intervene in the fight of big Miami hotel owners against the culinary unions.

Geroni cited the TV report of AFL President Meany's speech at the convention of the New York State Federation of Labor, New York State Fed voted to send telegrams to New York Senators asking them to urge the NLRB to intervene.

CLC President John F. Quinn said that the struggle is a desperate one, with the unfair anti-labor laws of Florida being utilized to the hilt to injure the striking unions.

Committees Named To Confer With UC

President John F. Quinn has named two committees to discuss proposed educational programs with John Hutchinson, labor program coordinator for the UC Institute of Industrial Relations.

The CLC committee on unemployment and disability and compensation insurance is composed of CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash; Les Moore, Painters 1176; Harris Wilkin, Food Clerks 870; Al Brown, Milk Drivers 302; and CLC President Quinn.

The committee on health and welfare is composed of Jeffery Colahan, Milk Drivers & Dairy Employees 302; Edrie Wright, Culinary Alliance 31; Eddie Maney, Laundry Workers 2; Vern Stambaugh, Carmen 192; and Russ Crowell, Cleaners 23.

Surety for Contractor Held Liable by Court For Pay Into Welfare

Paul L. Jones, secretary-treasurer, Laborers 304, states that co-legal counsel for the Laborers Health and Welfare Trust Fund for Northern California and the Carpenters Health and Welfare Trust Fund for California announce that the Appellate Department of the San Francisco Superior Court has denied a rehearing of its recent decision that the surety under a Contractor's labor and material bond is liable for health and welfare contributions owed by the Contractor.

The decision of the Appellate Court was rendered in suits which were brought by the Trustees of the Laborers Fund and the Carpenters Fund against Acherman and Olesen of San Jose and the London Guarantee and Accident Company, Ltd.

'TEAS FOR TV' will be utilized to raise funds for Democratic candidates in 1956. Mrs. Margaret Price, Democratic national committeewoman from Michigan, told a group of Democratic women in the Bay Area recently. Mollie Minudri, active in the AFL and in the Democratic Party, served as hostess at a luncheon in Mrs. Price's honor.

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AFL Sees Profits Spurting Past Wages, Sales and Production

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—Profits for the first quarter of 1955 are way up over last year's high level. The increases in some cases are so large that they look like misprints. The profit rise is especially remarkable because it comes on top of a steady succession of excellent profit periods. The first quarter of 1953 saw one of the best profit records in history. Then, despite a general economic recession, profits in the first quarter of 1954 topped the 1953 level for most companies, in part because of the elimination of the excess profits tax. And now 1955 has brought new profit heights.

The increases are not limited to just a few firms. A survey by the National City Bank of New York of 818 leading corporations reports that more than 75 percent had greater profits in the first quarter of 1955 than in the same period of 1954. Overall, the profits for all the companies surveyed rose by some 27 percent.

The current rise in profits cannot be shrugged away as merely part of a general recovery from last year's economic recession. What actually has happened, with the general improvement of the economy in the last six months, is that profits simply have spurted far ahead of the rise in production, sales, wages, and other measures of economic activity.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

LAW IN ACTION

CORPUS DELICTI

Police in totalitarian countries may nab you on vague charges, toss you in jail, and keep you there.

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2. And we must show good reason to think that you may have done it (the information or indictment).

Alas, for some detective story writers! Have they made you think that the corpus delicti is the corpse of the beautiful blond crammed in a trunk? Don't believe it. Corpus delicti merely means the proof that somebody broke the law.

Suppose your banker comes to work some morning to find the doors to his money vault

blasted off their hinges and the cash box gone. He and the police have enough to go on to say that there was a robbery or burglary.

You may think from your who-dunnits that the district attorney must produce a corpse to prove a murder. Don't you believe it. He can prove murder in other ways.

One California court convicted a man of killing and tossing the body of a 15-year old girl over the cliff into the ocean, even though no one ever did find the girl's body. What was the corpus delicti of this crime, the proof that the crime had been done?

The man's discharged gun, blood on the car seat cover, the girl's school books, clothing in his possession, etc.

And the reason for all this? Our courts must work under the law with evidence, not suspicion, that a legally defined crime has been done, and that the defendant did it. Law plus facts, ma'am.

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Printers Began At 4 Cents Per Hour

The San Diego Labor Leader says the first man to go on pension under a retirement system put into effect at the Union and Evening Tribune, San Diego's only morning and afternoon newspapers, Peter Hondius, a printer since he was 12, is "taking it easy" with the best wishes of Typographical Local 221.

Hondius, who lives at 66 G Avenue, Chula Vista, served nine years in the composing room of the Tribune before he retired on June 25. Pete was born in Holland and at the age of 12 was apprenticed to a printer in his native land. His salary at that time was one guildler (40 cents in U. S. money) per day for a 10-hour day. He worked 60 hours a week for six guildlers, or \$2.40 in U. S. money.

At the age of 19, Pete was still working at the printer's trade in the Hague, Holland, but his salary had reached the enormous sum of 12 guildlers (\$4.80 for a 54-hour week. Tired of low wages, Peter decided to emigrate to the United States and in 1911, he landed in Rochester, N. Y., and joined Typographical Union Local 15 in that city.

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